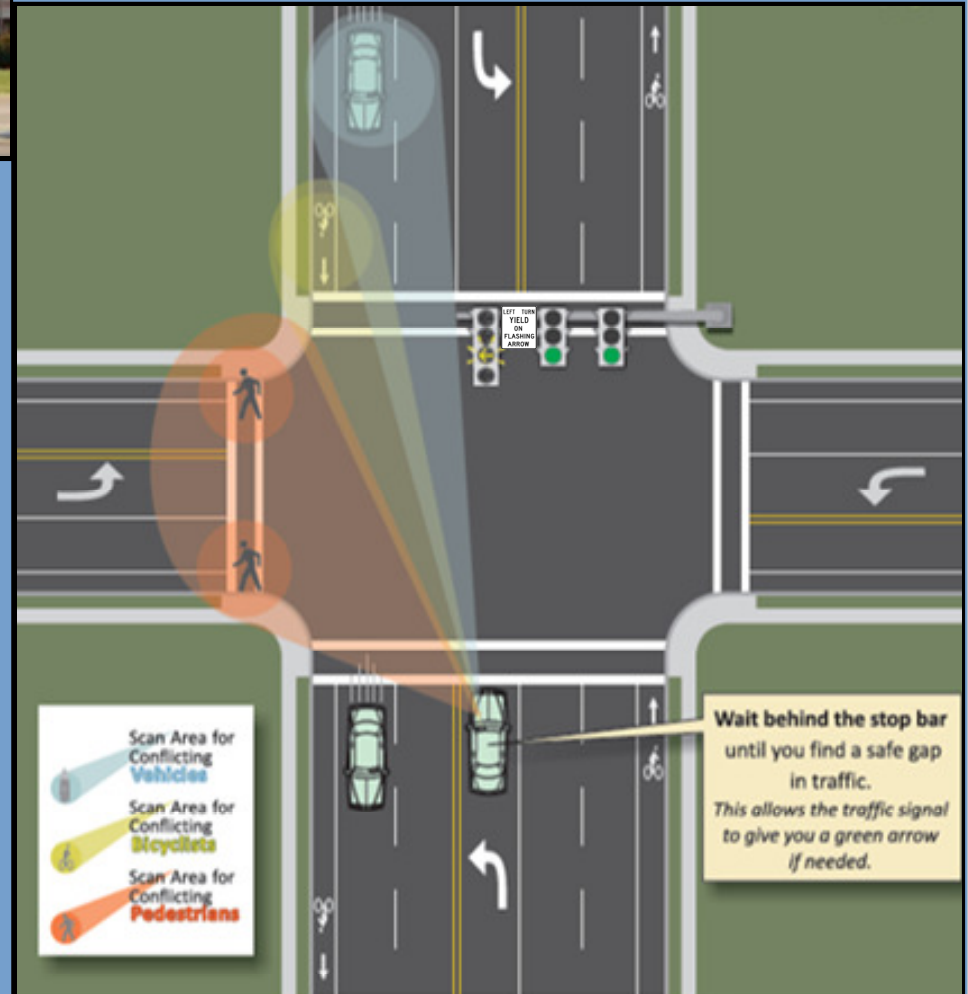




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Flashing Yellow Arrow



The Flashing Yellow Arrow may not be displayed (delayed or skipped) based on traffic conditions. Always obey the status of your traffic signal indication.



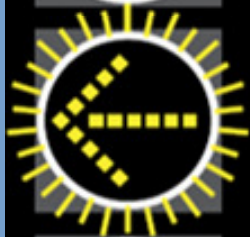
Steady Red Arrow

A steady red arrow means STOP. Remain stopped until the signal changes.



Steady Yellow Arrow

A steady yellow arrow warns you that the signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection.



Flashing Yellow Arrow

A flashing yellow arrow means you may cautiously enter the intersection only to the movement indicated by the flashing yellow arrow. You must yield to oncoming traffic, bicyclists, and crossing pedestrians.



Steady Green Arrow

A steady green arrow means you have the right of way to proceed and make the movement indicated by the arrow.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) research found motorists more clearly understood what to do when presented with the flashing yellow arrow. Further, the flashing yellow arrow provides more flexibility in signal timing operations as it can be optimized for certain times of day. This ultimately improves safety and improves traffic flow.

Flashing Yellow Arrow

Proven to be a safer, more efficient left-turn signal

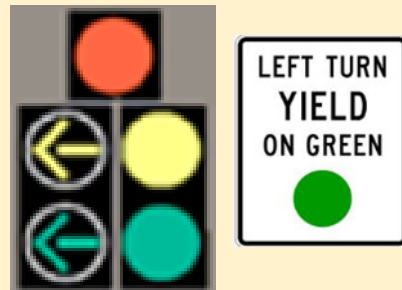
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Safer

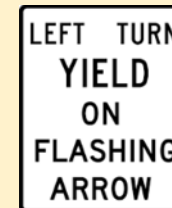
A nation study showed fewer crashes occurring at flashing yellow arrow left-turns than the traditional yielding left-turns

Efficient

There are more opportunities to make a left turn with a flashing yellow arrow than the traditional yielding left-turns. Signal timing can be adjusted throughout the day depending on traffic volume, saving you time and fuel.



Flashing Yellow Arrow



Drivers must always remember:
a flashing yellow arrow still means to yield to on-coming traffic and pedestrians

What should left-turning drivers do when approaching the flashing yellow left-turn signal?

Drivers should stop at the intersection, and yield to on-coming traffic and pedestrians. When it is safe to do so, turn left and proceed through the intersection. The flashing yellow arrow will cycle to a steady (non-flashing) yellow left-turn arrow. Drivers should treat the steady yellow arrow just like a standard yellow light. Prepare to stop before the red light appears.